

House Resolution 1765

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Hill of the 180th, Gardner of the 57th, Chambers of the 81st, and Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the establishment of a National Women's History Museum in Washington, D.C.;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress declared that the month of March would serve as "Women's
4 History Month" to acknowledge the important role women have played in shaping America;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, although women constitute a majority of the nation's population, their
7 achievements and contributions are underrepresented in museums and memorials; and

8 WHEREAS, only 3 percent of the people identified in a recent survey of 18 history textbooks
9 were women; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1999, the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American
11 History called for a woman's history museum to be established on "The National Mall" in
12 Washington, D. C.; and

13 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum, founded in 1996, is a nonpartisan,
14 nonprofit, educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the
15 diverse historic contributions of women and integrating the heritage of women fully into this
16 nation's history; and

17 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum seeks a site on or close to the National
18 Mall and in close proximity to the White House and the United States Capitol Building; and

19 WHEREAS, the United States Senate voted unanimously in favor of S. 501, The National
20 Women's History Museum Act of 2005, a bill that directs the General Services
21 Administration to enter into a long-term lease with the National Women's History Museum
22 for federal property that has been vacant since 1992; and

1 WHEREAS, the National Women's History Museum will showcase the full history of
2 women in the United States and the contributions they have made and continue to make in
3 the marketplace, arts and sciences, government, entertainment, education, home, and
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, a coalition of 33 women's organizations representing 8 million women,
6 including the National Foundation for Women Legislators, supports the efforts of the
7 National Women's History Museum to establish a permanent residence on the National Mall,
8 the most prominent location for museums in the nation's capital.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body join together to request the esteemed members of the United States
11 House of Representatives, the United States Senate, and the citizens of Georgia to support
12 the National Women's History Museum's efforts to secure a permanent home on or close to
13 the National Mall for a museum that will highlight the important role women have played
14 in shaping this great nation.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
16 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to National Women's History
17 Museum.